

**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT BULLETIN

VACANCY NO: SRFS-06-006

POSITION: Biological Science Technician, GG-404-6

SALARY: \$15.14 per hour

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: Temporary, 03/15/05 through 08/15/05

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 4-5

DATE OPENED: 01/27/06

DATE CLOSED: 02/24/06

TOUR OF DUTY: Full Time, 03/15/06 through 08/15/06, with various starting dates and possible periods of intermittent work.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All U.S. citizens

LOCATION: Biological Resources Division, Forest & Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, Snake River Field Station, Boise, Idaho.

THESE ARE TEMPORARILY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITIONS for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status may apply and be considered. Appointment to these positions, however, will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. Appointment will only be for the duration of the position, normally 3-6 months. The Social Security Retirement System covers temporary employees and annual and sick leave will be accrued except in intermittent status. Employees are ineligible for health and life insurance coverage.

DUTIES (specific): Performs the following and similar types of routine tasks to collect data for a sagebrush ecosystem ecology research project in the northern Great Basin (Idaho, Nevada, and/or Wyoming):

- Collects data on density and distribution of plants.
- Tabulates field notes and data according to established project protocol.
- Operates 4-wheel drive vehicle carefully and safely.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Performs the following and similar types of routine tasks for research projects in sagebrush ecosystems of the northern Great Basin (ID, NV, OR and/or WY): Operate 4WD vehicles on unpaved roads and navigate cross country on foot with GPS units to known points. Establish and collect data on vegetation transects, including, but not limited to: line intercept of foliar cover, visual cover, plant densities by species, and shrub height and age class. In addition: record data carefully and take digital photographs of sites. This job will involve extensive travel in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and/or Wyoming, which will include backcountry camping. The incumbent must be a careful driver and conscientious in following personal safety precautions.

Knowledge of plant ecology and plant identification is needed for this position, and experience in conducting field monitoring is desirable. In addition, proficiency with technical equipment (personal digital assistant and digital camera), and map reading are desirable. Incumbent should have had or be willing to take First Aid and CPR.

QUALIFICATIONS: To qualify for a GG- 6 you need 1 year and 9 months of field survey party experience OR 4 years of subprofessional work experience OR 4 years of college with courses related to the work of the position to be filled (equivalent to 120 semester/180 quarter hrs) plus 3 months of lab or field work experience. YOU MUST LIST START AND END DAY/MONTH/YEAR FOR EACH JOB AND NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED PER WEEK – this is VERY important. Subprofessional experience consists of working as a technician or aid in the field or in a laboratory or similar environment. EQUIVALENT COMBINATIONS OF SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE ARE QUALIFYING.

BASIS OF EVALUATION: All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of education and experience (including unpaid or volunteer experience). Applicants must meet all qualifications and eligibility requirements by the closing date of this announcement.

First preference in referral will be given to eligible applicants entitled to 10 point veterans preference who have a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more. All other qualified applicants entitled to veterans preference will be given preference over qualified applicants not entitled to veterans preference.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE UNITED STATES CITIZENS: Under regulations contained in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, employment in this position is limited to those persons who are authorized to work in the United States. Verification of employment eligibility will be required at the time of appointment.

As a condition of appointment, all new employees reporting for duty with the Department of the Interior will be paid through direct deposit to a financial institution of their choice.

Applicants selected for Federal employment will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment, OF-306, prior to being appointed to determine their suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. Failure to answer all questions truthfully and completely or providing false statements on the application may be grounds for not hiring the applicant, or for firing the applicant after he/she begins work. Also he/she may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, section 1001).

Prior to or at the time of appointment, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, will have to certify that they have registered with the Selective Service System in order to be appointed to a position with the United States Geological Survey, unless legally qualified for an exception.

Employees of the U.S. Geological Survey are subject to the provisions of Title 43, U.S. Code, Section 31 (a) and may not according to this legislation and related regulation: (a) have any personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in lands or mineral wealth of such lands or a region under survey and whose title is in the U.S.; (b) execute surveys or examination for private parties or corporations; or (c) have personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in any private mining or mineral enterprise doing business in the U.S. except where specifically authorized by the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey.

HOW TO APPLY: Carefully read all information and instructions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to insure the application is complete. The personnel office will not be responsible for soliciting additional information from applicants or from official personnel records, but will consider individuals based on their applications as submitted. Applications must be received in the Snake River Field Station by the closing date on the announcement in order to be considered. To obtain an OF 612, contact the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Snake River Field Station at (208) 426-5200, or any Federal Personnel Office.

Submit one of the following forms of application: (a) résumé OR (b) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment, OR (c) other written format. Electronic submissions acceptable. Please also submit transcripts (unofficial acceptable) to document all education used for position qualification.

To claim 5 point Veterans Preference, a DD-214 showing character of discharge is required. If claiming 10 point Veterans Preference, an SF-15 with proof of claim is required.

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It is against the law to submit applications for employment using government franked envelopes or mail services (18 U.S.C. 1719). All such applications will not be considered.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF
THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS MAY RESULT IN YOUR MISSING CONSIDERATION FOR THIS VACANCY
The U.S. Geological Survey is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, fitness, and qualifications without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, marital status, national origin, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factors. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities.